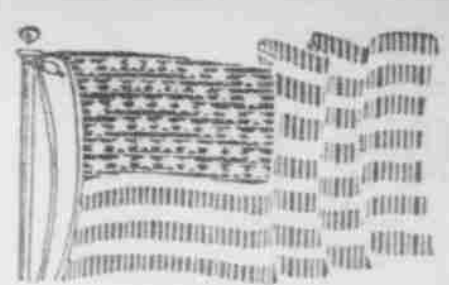


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TURKEY BREAKS OFF WITH AMERICA

KAISER HELD IN GRASP OF HOME CRISIS

News of Big Internal Strife
Leads Out Despite Rigid
Censorship Applied.

STRIKERS STAGE RIOT

Ten Thousand in Bloody En-
counter—Militarist Re-
gime Tottering?

New York, April 21.—Germany is broken internally, the morale of her soldiers is low, and the military side of her military machine is no longer an inflexible machine in the hands of the people, was the statement made by Alfred Steiner, a Chicagoan, today from southern Europe. He also said that the German people and southern Europe expect the end of the war within four months.

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Balfour and Party Reach Port Safely

Washington, April 21.—The safe landing of British Foreign Minister Balfour and his party was announced today by the state department.

DEBATE STARTED ON CONSCRIPTION

Selective Draft Plan Taken Up in Senate With Advocates and Opponents Ready for Action.

Washington, April 21.—Debate on the army bill providing for selective conscription began in the senate today with friends and opponents lining up for the impending fight over the draft and volunteer plans. Administration leaders were determined to press the bill for final disposition and expressed confidence that it would pass with a safe majority.

The military committee in waiting to report the bill to the senate about 10 to 12 in favor of the selective draft system. Before debate began, the military committee heard Dr. Charles W. Hild, president emeritus of Harvard, representing the pacifists. He urged the senate to reject the bill and to support the volunteer system of military service.

Entente Premiers Agree on Program
Paris, April 21.—The conference of the French, British and Italian premiers on Thursday at St. Jean de Maurienne in Savoy was marked with great cordials. The three premiers agreed on a complete program of all diplomatic and military questions and on the subject of the armistice that the war calls for from such of the allied countries. The result was learned here following the return to Paris of Premier Ribot and Lloyd George.

GERMANY'S COLLAPSE AND TURKEY'S EXIT FORECAST

Speakers at Philadelphia Convention Predict Effects of War.

Philadelphia, April 21.—The exit of Turkey from Europe and the early collapse of German militarism were predicted by speakers at today's sessions of the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Subjects for discussion under the general topic of "America's relation to the world conflict and to the coming peace," included, "the problems of a durable peace," "the rights of small nations" and "America's participation in a league for the maintenance of a just and durable peace." The speakers included statesmen, scholars and journalists.

The death knell of German militarism was sounded when President Wilson and the American congress resolved to enter the war, according to Toyokichi Iyanaga, of New York, managing director of the "East and West News Bureau."

RELIEF SHIPS ARE VICTIMS OF U-BOATS

Two Vessels Carrying Supplies to Belgium Reported to Have Been Sunk.

19 AMERICANS ON ONE

One of Crew Missing—All Others Including Yankees Landed Safely.

London, April 21, (5:10 p. m.)—Officials here of the commission for relief in Belgium have been advised that the steamship Rinsburn, outward bound from Rotterdam, with a safe conduct, has been sunk.

The Rinsburn was a Norwegian vessel and left Perth Amboy several weeks ago on her last voyage across the Atlantic.

Amsterdam, April 21, (4:10 p. m.)—The relief ship Rinsburn has been sunk by a mine or submarine. One number of the crew is missing, the remainder having been rescued.

The Rinsburn was hit while in the North Sea on Friday night. The missing man is the second mate, a Norwegian. The others were on board, 34 in number, of whom 19 are Americans, have been landed in Ymoude.

Eight Are Killed.
London, April 21, (3:30 p. m.)—A dispatch to the Central News from Copenhagen says an official Norwegian communication announces that the steamer Bergsgaard has been sunk by a German submarine and that eight of the crew were killed.

It is also reported that the Norwegian steamer Norder, 740 tons gross, has been captured by Germans and taken to Copenhagen.

PRO-GERMAN MUSIC TEACHER RESIGNS
Tallahassee, Fla., April 21.—A teacher of the Florida state college for women asked Miss Paula Berger, a music teacher, to resign because she purchased a picture of Kaiser Wilhelm draped with a German flag hanging in her studio. She resigned and today this note was found pinned to her door:

"Tell my pupils I am leaving because of my pro-German feelings, not because of ill-health."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.
Fair tonight and Sunday, somewhat warmer Sunday.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 41. Highest yesterday, 55; lowest last night, 35.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour.
Precipitation, 0.1 inch.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 90; at 7 a. m., 82; at 1 p. m., today, 49.
Stage of water, 12.2, a rise of 1 in last 24 hours.
J. M. SHERIER, Meteorologist.

THE ENEMIES IN THE REAR



Cabinet Men of Portugal Resign Jobs

London, April 21, (via Paris, 11:45 a. m.)—Antonio J. Almeida, president of the council, today presented to Bernardino Machado, president of Portugal, the resignation of the entire cabinet. Premier Almeida's action followed an adverse vote in the chamber of deputies on the question of the government establishing a national economic council.

DENIES GUILT AS HE DIES IN CHAIR

"Before God I Am Innocent" Are Last Words of Man Electrocutated for Murder of Girl.

Queens, N. Y., April 21.—Petrus Von Den Corput was put to death in the electric chair as Sing Sing prison here at 12:30 p. m. today for the murder of a girl named Margaret.

Attorneys representing the Humanitarian club, which enlisted the influence of Minister Van Rappard of the Netherlands in its efforts in the conviction of Von Den Corput, today appealed to Governor Whitman for a reprieve, made a vain effort to obtain a court order for a review of the case on the ground that Von Den Corput was insane.

The execution had been set for 11 o'clock and the delay of more than one hour and a half was given in response to a telephoned request from Justice Jenkins in New York, who notified the authorities that he was bearing argument on a writ of habeas corpus applied for by the Humanitarian club in Von Den Corput's behalf.

On word from New York that Justice Jenkins had denied the application the execution was immediately ordered.

"Before God I am innocent," were Von Den Corput's last words.

FARM COLONIES FOR GIRLS ARE PLANNED

Chicago, April 21.—Several co-operative agricultural colonies for girls and young women soon will be established near Chicago under the auspices of the mid-west branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. It was announced today. About one thousand acres of truck garden land in this vicinity has been placed at the disposal of the organization, and it is planned to have the young women work it, at once, producing more food for the nation, giving the girls an outdoor life and providing a means of livelihood for those who need it. The women will be housed in tents, it was stated.

WARSHIPS OF BERLIN SUNK ON SEA RAID

British Admiralty Declares Two or Three Lost in Attack on Dover.

London, April 21.—The admiralty announces that two German destroyers, possibly three, have been sunk in the course of a German raid near Dover.

Five German destroyers took part in the Dover raid. They were engaged by two Dover patrol vessels. The British suffered no material damage. The British casualties were slight in comparison with the results obtained. One hundred and five Germans were saved.

Home, April 20, (via Paris, April 21).—A sea and air battle near Venice on April 17 is reported in an official announcement by the war office. The statement says:

"A number of airplanes, aided by torpedo boats, approached Venice on April 17 in order to effect a rescue mission in the lagoon. A rapid counter attack by Italian and French airplanes and the fire of our batteries prevented the enemy machines from flying over the city. In a series of aerial duels, one enemy plane was shot down. Two Italian hydroplanes have fallen to return to their bases."

AMERICAN ENVOY TO MEXICO IS HISSED

El Paso, Texas, April 21.—American Ambassador Henry F. Fletcher was hissed in the chamber of deputies when he appeared for the opening of the Mexican congress, according to a report received here from Mexico City today by government agents.

The report stated that German Minister Von Eckhardt was escorted to his seat by a delegation of six deputies and that the German minister received an ovation when he appeared which lasted more than thirty minutes and another when he left.

SARAH BERNHARDT NOT OUT OF DANGER

New York, April 21.—While an encouraging report regarding the condition of Sarah Bernhardt was issued today, her physicians said the actress was by no means yet out of danger. A bulletin given out this morning read:

Flyers Take 'Snap Shots' in War Game

Washington, April 21.—"Camera" rifles devised to photograph rather than kill the objective are being used by army and navy aviation units in training. With this instrument in use during the battle maneuvers, the flying corps officers are developing deadly accuracy in gunnery.

The machine operator and observer, the latter equipped with the camera, instead of the usual machine gun, are sent into the air squadron formation, divided into hostile and defensive units. After the battle the films are examined and the number of would be killed is revealed on the film. Whenever the negative develops black, the "shot" is counted as a hit, but where the photograph shows the machine of operator a hit is allowed.

BOY SCOUTS OPEN VEGETABLE WAR

Is "National Planting Day," 2,000 Pa-
rade at Washington Ready to Enter "Field of Battle."

Washington, April 21.—Two thousand Boy Scouts carrying rakes, hoes and spades paraded past the White House today on their way to the 200-acre plot near the Potomac river lent by the government to be cultivated by the boys as a big vegetable garden. President Wilson promised to review the parade, which was headed by Colin H. Livingston, national president of the Boy Scouts organization and Secretary Houston had arranged to address the boys.

This was "national planting day" for boy scouts throughout the United States.

The War Today

South of the main area of the Arras battle front the British last night delivered a stroke in the direction of Cambrai. They captured the village of Gonnelle, more than a mile nearer the German line between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

ACT FOLLOWS AUSTRO LEAD REPORT SAYS

Sultan Severs Diplomatic Relations With U. S. to Back Germany.

ARGENTINE IS RILED

Berlin Must Meet Demands or Break—Spain Will Remain Neutral.

Amsterdam, April 21, (via London, 6:45 p. m.)—Semi-official advices received here from Constantinople today announce that Turkey has broken off relations with the United States.

Basel, Switzerland, April 21, (via Paris, 4:10 p. m.)—A dispatch from Constantinople, dated today, says the Ottoman government has notified the American embassy that following the example of its ally, Austria-Hungary, it has broken diplomatic relations with the United States.

Washington, April 21.—The Turkish embassy early this afternoon had no information regarding the reported severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Constantinople government. Such action by Turkey has been expected, however.

Buenos Aires, April 21.—The government has sent to Germany an energetic note demanding complete satisfaction for the sinking of the Argentine sailing ship Monte Protegido. The Argentine minister is instructed immediately to break off relations if Germany attempts to evade responsibility for the loss of the vessel.

The instructions sent to the minister are that Argentina will permit of no evasion or delay on the part of Germany. He is told to instruct the Argentine minister to demand that the Argentine government should follow the course of the United States (Brazil) and will arm its ships against submarines.

Spain Remains Neutral.
Madrid, via Paris, April 21, 4:45 a. m.—The new cabinet has had its first meeting and has issued a note announcing that it will maintain strict neutrality toward all the belligerents.

STARS SIX; ARRESTED.
Los Angeles, June 21, 11:45 a. m.—Hoyt Wilkins, 23, was held under \$5,000 bonds today, charged with assault with intent to kill. Six persons were stabbed by Wilkins. The wounded include Wilkins' wife, her father, mother and sister, and two children. A domestic quarrel started the trouble.

WAR LOAN BEING OVER SUBSCRIBED

Washington, April 21.—The first informal offering of a part of the \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates authorized in the \$7,000,000,000 war finance measure has been greatly oversubscribed.